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DISTRICT 97

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Representative Martin David Kiar

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YOUR ISSUES

Update from Representative Martin David Kiar

Dear friends and neighbors:

It is a privilege to serve you as I strive to be your voice in the Florida House of Representatives.

We made significant strides on some critical issues highlighted in this newsletter. I am pleased that I sponsored, and the Legislature passed, a number of laws to protect our children from sexual predators, strengthen government ethics, improve healthcare awareness and more.

I also co-sponsored resolutions (which voters will have an opportunity to vote on in 2010 referendums) that provide first time home buyers and many members of the military with significant property tax relief. I also co-sponsored a comprehensive bill that cracks down on the over and sometimes illegal use of prescription drugs in our state.

It has been a great pleasure to serve you in the Legislature. As always, my greatest asset is your input so please stay in touch and do not hesitate to call my office at 954-346-2813 or email me at Martin.Kiar@myfloridahouse.gov if there is anything I can do for you.

Sincerely,

Martin David Kiar

Representative Martin David Kiar



MARTIN DAVID KIAR'S 2009 LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PROTECTING FLORIDA'S CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL PREDATORS AND OFFENDERS

Representative Kiar sponsored and the Legislature passed House Bill 115 to protect our children from sexual predators and offenders. The bill requires that sexual offenders and predators provide law enforcement with a home and cellular telephone number as part of the registration process so law enforcement can better keep track of them.

The bill also encourages public libraries to adopt an Internet safety program to promote prudent Internet use and broaden awareness of online predators. In addition, this bill makes it a crime for an adult living in Florida to send pornography to a child over the Internet regardless of where the child lives. Further, this bill requires that an adult, who solicits unlawful sexual activity with a minor over the Internet, telephone or other means and goes to meet the minor for the purpose of engaging in such unlawful sexual activity, must register as a sexual predator or sexual offender.

STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT ETHICS

Representative Kiar sponsored and the Legislature passed House Bill 1089 which requires that all city and county managers and administrators, whether individuals or corporations, be subjected to the ethics laws of this state.

SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

Representative Kiar sponsored and the Legislature passed House Resolution 9067 to recognize August 2009 as Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month.

FUNDING THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Representative Kiar co-sponsored Amendment 990030, to provide additional funding to the Florida Holocaust Museum. This amendment ensures that the heroic men, women and children who lost their lives in the Holocaust will continue to be honored and remembered by all those who visit the Florida Holocaust Museum.



PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS

Representative Kiar co-sponsored House Joint Resolution 97, which is a proposed amendment to the constitution to provide first time home buyers with an additional homestead exemption. The people of Florida will vote either for or against this amendment on the November 2010 ballot.



FIGHTING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

As the Democratic Ranking Member on all K-12 issues, Representative Kiar has consistently fought for our children's education. This year he filed Amendments 229567 and 735189, which would have eliminated and done away with the FCAT. Although these amendments did not pass, he will continue to work hard to do away with the FCAT exam. Further, Representative Kiar worked with members of both parties in support of continuing a program that gives bonuses to many of our hardest working teachers.



CRACK DOWN ON THE OVER USE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Representative Kiar co-sponsored House Bill 897, which requires the Department of Health to create a database to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of certain controlled substances. In Florida, many clinics have ignored the health and safety of our residents and have turned their clinics into "pill mills" by selling large and dangerous amounts of prescription drugs to individuals for the sole purpose of making money. This good bill will curtail that terrible practice.

HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE

Representative Kiar strongly opposed and voted against House Bill 1171 and House Bill 1495. House Bill 1171 deregulates the private homeowner's insurance market by prohibiting the state from denying rate increase requests made by private insurance companies. Further, House Bill 1495 allows the state-run Citizens Property Insurance to raise rates by as much as 20 percent. As set forth above, Representative Kiar voted against these bills as he does not support any increase in homeowner's insurance rates.

